

TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
July 9, 2019
5:30pm

The Seven Devils Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Larry Fontaine, Mayor Pro Tem Brad Lambert, Members Tina Bailey, Kay Ehlinger and David Ehmig. A quorum was met. Also, present were Town Attorney Rob Angle, Town Manager Debbie Powers; the minutes were recorded by Town Clerk Hillary Gropp.

INVOCATION

Mayor Fontaine gave the Invocation for tonight's meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fontaine called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council members and citizens recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

AMEND AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert requested to remove Item 5) CONSENT AGENDA C. ADDITION TO UDO – Table 5.1 Table of Permitted Uses, because item requires Notice and Public Hearing. Member Ehlinger made a motion to amend the agenda as requested; Member Ehmig seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

**ADOPT MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING on June 11, 2019
ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE NUISANCE ORDINANCE**

- (i) Table of Contents**
- (ii) Article 4 – Animal Control – Added fees under 4.3**
- (iii) Article 5 – Unreasonable & Disturbing Noises – Added hours under 5.1(7)**
- (iv) Added Article 11 - Drones**

Member Ehlinger made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda; Member Ehmig seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Kay Lambert – 430 Wildcat Rocks Road, thanked the Town staff & volunteers for support of SafetyFest 2019. The volunteer luncheon will be on Thursday, July 18th at 11:30am; RSVP to the Town Clerk.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Manager Powers provided the following update:

June 5th – Public Works Director Aldridge & Manager Powers met with new DOT maintenance supervisor for Avery County.

Police Chief Harris & Fire Chief Powell attended a 3-day “Crisis Intervention” course – June 5th -7th.

Manager Powers & Finance Officer Sappington listened to a STR conference call, by NC RTCC.

July 10th – Dept. of Insurance Town Hall meeting will be at Watauga HS – 7:00pm.

Traffic count report by the 7D police was provided for Memorial Day period.

June 20th – ABC Budget meeting; reports there will be an increase distribution to 3 Towns.

June 27th – Watauga County Board of Elections inspected the Skyline Building.

July 2nd – All employee performance reviews have been completed.

Candidate filing period – July 5th @ noon until July 19th @ noon.

Updates for: Tree Permits, Projects, Fence Permits, Complaints & Real Estate Closings.

OLD BUSINESS

A. SKYLINE BUILDING PURCHASE UPDATE

This business item was included on the agenda of the monthly LGC (Local Government Commission-Raleigh, NC) meeting that occurred today, July 9th. This is a required step, as the Town needs to be granted approval by the LGC prior to purchase/real estate closing. Manager Powers & Finance Officer Sappington attended via telephone conference call to answer any questions by the LGC. At the conclusion, approval has been granted by the LGC to the Town of Seven Devils.

Communication will occur between Town Attorney Angle, Mayor Fontaine & Town Manager to set a closing date for the purchase of the Skyline Building. Mayor Pro Tem suggested this item of business should now be called the New Town Hall. ~OPEN~

NEW BUSINESS - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board of Adjustment – No meeting

Planning Board – June minutes

Public Works – No meeting

Public Safety Committee – *Chair George Ehlinger reports a SafetyFest 2019 recap will be presented at the August 6th meeting for Public Safety Committee; the public is invited to attend.*

Parks & Recreation Committee – No meeting

TDA - June minutes
ABC Board - May minutes
Tree Committee - No meeting
Public Safety Department
 Police Report
 Fire Report
Financial Report

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Member Bailey inquired about the hours allowed for construction on a holiday. She has reviewed the Nuisance Ordinance and did not find any curfew or limitation of hours for noise from construction on a holiday. Manager Powers will review as the Zoning Administrator and have the Planning Board review this item at a future meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem inquired about setting a Public Hearing for changes/additions to the UDO. Manager Powers to follow up.

ADJOURN

Mayor Pro Tem Lambert made a motion to adjourn; Member Bailey seconded the motion. The members agreed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Brad Lambert

Brad Lambert, Mayor Pro Tem

Hillary Gropp

Hillary Gropp, Town Clerk

